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Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

For the week of Sept. 24-Oct. 1 While on routine patrol, Officer Clem Johnson observed several windows broken out of the Combined Community Action Center, the old Eagle Lake Primary School. The owner of the building was notified of the incident. There are no suspects at this time.

Chief Lupe Villarreal was dispatched to investigate a report of a prowler on Scott Street. On arrival, he found that the incident had happened about two hours earlier. A window screen had been cut. There are no suspects at this time.

Chief Villarreal received a report

of a female runaway. The female was located and returned to her home. Sergeant Earl Jones was dispatched to a house fire on Church St. where a fire had started from a pot left on the kitchen stove.

Officer Jim Staude was dispatched to the Eagle Lake Hospital emergency room to check a reported assault. He talked to the complainant who had severe swelling on his face and possible internal injuries. The victim said he had been beaten by three males.

Officer Johnson was dispatched to J&K's to check a reported stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located, recovered and returned to the owner.

Hay Show, pasture tour set for Oct. 11

The annual Colorado County Hay Show and Pasture Tour will be held Oct. 11 beginning at 4 p.m. at the L7 Headquarters in Garwood. The headquarters is on Hwy. 71 in Garwood, across from the Chevron station.

The pasture tour will begin with the group meeting at L7. The first stop on the tour will include water quality, an update on the use of the chlorophyll meter and on the Soil Conservation Service. The primary topic at the second tour stop will be Jiggs Bermuda. This fairly new bermuda has proven to be well adapted to this area. Other topics and demonstrations include buying and selling hay according to weight and analysis, hay inoculants and pasture renovation.

Hay show results will be given prior to a sponsored meal. The Soil Conservation District elections will follow the meal.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Hagendorf, Scanian united in marriage

Mr. Scanian and Mrs. Augusta Scanian, both of Sidney Australia and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hagendorf of Sheridan would like to announce the marriage of their children, Marijke Scanian and Leland Hagendorf.

The wedding ceremony took place July 19, 1991, in the Garden Chapel in Las Vegas Nevada. Mrs. Hagendorf attended the wedding.

Health Fair

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which is of itself a vital service.

The second purpose was to introduce some of the new programs and activities of the Hospital, which continues to respond to the health needs of the community in the most effective ways possible.

Mrs. Parris also wishes to join Rev. David Mann, chairman of the Ministerial Alliance's Blood Drive, in thanking the great number of volunteers and contributors who had a part in the success of the Health Fair, with special thanks to the Pink Ladies, to Mayor Van Nort for donating the space, and to CPL for its donation.



Dr. Jose Ugarte, a local physician and member of the "Eight Gallon Club", donates one of 51 units given at the Eagle Lake Blood Drive.

ACE meeting

Commissioners Arvid Schoneberger, Catherine Drapala, Carl Nichols and Chris King, as well as officials from other area counties.

Bob Stallings, chairman of ACE, gave background information on Tricil Environmental Response, Inc. and their purchase of the Colorado County Municipal Landfill near Alair. Tricil is currently operating the landfill with permission from the Texas Water Commission (TWC) under the previous regulations of the Texas Department of Health.

Under the new EPA regulations, many of the types of wastes that it stores are now considered hazardous. Tricil Vice President Jim O'Neil stated that Tricil no longer accepts

these wastes. Over the past eight years these hazardous wastes have been accepted by Tricil and previous owners of the landfill.

Recently, Tricil applied for a Part B permit from the TWC to accept all hazardous wastes the EPA and TWC allow to be landfilled. They can continue to operate on an interim basis until the permit is approved or denied, which could take as long as two years.

The company is also increasing the acreage of the site and adding facilities to store various types of hazardous waste. Construction is scheduled to begin very soon.

At the meeting, Dr. Brown, a professor at Texas A&M and Director of the A&M EPA branch of Hazardous

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Waste Management, explained the fallacies of hazardous waste landfill construction. He said landfills lined with clay and high density plastic, such as the ones Tricil plans to construct, do not contain the hazardous waste sufficiently.

He explained that sand seams in the clay layer below the landfill allow waste to leak out and get into ground water supplies. Soil engineers estimate that hazardous waste will take 10-100 years to travel through a three feet thick layer of clay, but actual measurements show the waste travels through the clay in 30 to 100 days.

Brown said it is almost impossible to clean up ground water after it has been contaminated.

Another consideration is the large quantity of methane gas produced by the decomposing waste. The highly explosive gas destroys the ozone layer. It travels underground as well causing a potential for fires and explosions such as the one in Ft. Bend County.

Brown went on to say that hazardous waste should be disposed of in a dry area and the Gulf Coast is not a suitable climate. He agreed hazardous waste must be disposed of and offered several solutions such as recycling, composting and above ground landfills.

O'Neil stated that Tricil had done research on the site which indicates it is ideal for hazardous waste disposal. He said Tricil has spent over \$1 million in testing and engineering research to determine the suitability.

Wharton County Judge Irvin offered his support to Colorado County and related his county's battle with United Resource Recovery over a proposed landfill in Boling.

Harold McVey, president of Concerned Citizens Against Pollution; Rick Abraham, Director of the Houston branch of Texas United, and several other environmental activists also spoke in support of the group's stand against the landfill.

A question and answer period followed in which the audience was able to question the speakers.

Prior to the presentations, a board of directors was elected by ACE. Members of the board are: Bob Stallman, Columbus; Billy Heffner, Herbert Engstrom, Betty Schiuring, Parker Christberry, Mary Teal and Patsy Weishan, all of Garwood; Lyle Cooke and John Matthews, Eagle Lake; Monica Staff and Vic Hye, Nade; Charles Herder, Weimar, and Natalie Dupre, Sheridan.

A request for those in attendance to join ACE was successful as over 250 new members paid their \$5 dues and signed up.

Economic Development Coordinator on the job

Duane Smith officially began as Colorado County Economic Development Coordinator on Sept. 3rd, according to County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk.

"Smith has a broad background in community development with over 20 years of experience working with Texas cities and programs in community industrial and tourism areas," noted Strunk.

"After reviewing many fine candidates," said Tom Reed of Eagle Lake, "We were most impressed with Duane's qualifications, background, and proven ability to work with local communities in building successful programs." Reed serves as chairman of the Economic Development Council which includes representatives from Weimar, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Garwood and Sheridan.

Smith served as assistant city manager and director of community development in Harlingen from 1973-78. He then worked with Pan American University as a community development specialist and from there went

to Washington, D.C. where he spent four years as an advocate for small cities and rural development.

From 1982-88, Smith worked with the Texas House of Representatives and from that position, became director of community programs for the tourism division, Texas Department of Commerce in Austin.

"For the past few years, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout Texas and work with cities of all types and levels of development," Smith said. "I can honestly say that I believe that Colorado County has as much potential as any that I have worked with, and more than most. It's going to be a real pleasure to work with the citizens, community leaders, and business people to develop a solid and successful program of service," Smith added.

The Economic Development Office is located at the Colorado County Courthouse on the west end, first floor. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Smith can be reached by phone at 732-8774.

Lions Roar

Lion Steve Taylor welcomed everybody to the meeting. David Atkins from Huntsville, Alabama, was a guest of the club.

Lion Vic Corman discussed the drawing ticket sale and Lion Bobby Weishuhn discussed the upcoming carnival.

Lion Dan Canaris introduced the guest speaker, Fred Fmka, who gave a

very interesting talk on a house he had visited in Spring Green, Wisconsin. The home is called House on the Rock. Fred showed a video tape of this truly unique house.

After the program, Lion Don Bendy lead the club in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the meeting was adjourned.

Tri-city

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guests and also to welcome County Judge H.O. Strunk, the new city manager of Columbus and wife Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Phillips and Lucille Perry, acting city manager of Eagle Lake.

Speaker for the evening was Bob Greene of Liberty, Texas, who presented in a very interesting way information concerning the Texas Rural Leadership Program. For about fifty years Bob Greene served as a minister of the Episcopal Church. Following his retirement, he has taken a very active interest in promoting leadership in rural communities. Much of his initial work was done in Luling, Texas, where for a number of years he was minister of the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation. He stressed the importance of community development and cited examples of natural opportunities such as oil, gas, and agricultural potentials. However, some of these natural resources no longer play outstanding roles in some of our rural communities. For example he stated that oil had been one of the major opportunities in the Luling area but no longer plays such an important part. Agriculture in many parts of our state is suffering. He, in other words, was stressing the importance of trying to revive economics for the future and to cause citizens to visualize what their towns could be like twenty years from now. Plans are in the making for teams to travel to other cities of relative size to see what the citizens are doing to promote Texas Rural Leadership.

Mr. Greene spoke of the fact that so many older citizens are tired after having served long in so many ways. This program hopes to encourage not only young people presently living in these places to become interested but also more young people upon finishing college to come back home and become a part of their communities' economic growth. Tele-communications presents a wide field in which the younger people can become interested as they learn how to expand and support local businesses such as the field of entrepreneurship. There is an insurance company with 500 people working on claims in one Texas county rural area. Corporations are beginning to move out to rural areas. Some catalog companies have headquarters in small towns. Mr. Greene spoke concerning Colorado, Caldwell, and Gonzales Counties.

There will be ample opportunity to

learn about the program concerning rural leadership in Texas. There are 30 agencies and corporations that are developing a leadership program for economic development. The program involves training over a period of 9 to 10 months. Items included in the training sessions include understanding the community, communication, community needs assessment, surveys, motivation, panel interviews with elected officials and key public employees, problem solving, conflict management, economic trends, and strategic planning. Colorado County could well be a type of pilot project. Plans are being discussed for such.

There are many Texas Rural Leadership Affiliates, among them being the following: Chamber of Commerce organizations, Lower Colorado River Authority, the Texas A&M University System, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Prairie View A&M University, Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Community Affairs, Texas Department of Human Services, and Texas Rural Communities.

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Lighted Christmas Parade set for Dec. 6

The 1991 "Spirit of Christmas" parade has been scheduled for Dec. 6 in Eagle Lake. The parade is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. This year's illuminated parade will begin at 7 p.m. at E. Church St., turn onto Beaks, then proceed down Main to end on N. McCarty. The judging is set for 6 p.m.

Those who want to enter the parade should begin their preparations now. Remember that all floats should be lighted to be judged. Entrants are responsible for their own light power sources. Throwing candy or other things will not be allowed, and no Santas may be in the parade except the one who traditionally visits Eagle Lake that night. Other details are still in the early planning stages.

Entry forms will be mailed to those who participated in the last parade. Anyone who does not receive an entry form and would like to participate in the parade may call John Brasher at 234-5591 or Lynda Appelt at 234-5878.

Eagle Lake Headlight

Cranek heads community affairs for Colorado County landfill

Former County Judge Lester J. Cranek of Garwood has been named manager of community affairs for the expanded Colorado County Landfill facility. His duties include meeting with individuals and groups to provide information about the project, both before and after completion of the current \$20 million expansion. Tricil Environmental Response Inc. is the owner and operator of the landfill.

Tricil announced the project in February following the Environmental Protection Agency's reclassification as "hazardous" of some industrial wastes accepted at the site. A Garwood native and rice farmer, Cranek served as an agricultural advisor to both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He holds a doctorate in animal husbandry and has taught agriculture and soil physics at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

"I got involved with this project because I care about protecting the



White's task force to develop the rules that got it cleaned up."

"Without somebody doing the job right, we'd be back where we were before we had the landfill, with people and businesses dumping wastes in the river, creeks, ditches and fields. That would be the surest way I know to ruin our ground water and the Colorado River," he said. Hazardous waste is not the problem, Cranek says. "Hazardous just means it can be harmful if it's not handled properly, just like the hazardous cleaners and pesticides we have in our homes and on the farms. We need to make sure companies such as Tricil are allowed to operate so these wastes will be handled safely."

County Judge for 20 years. From 1971 through 1990, Cranek served as judge of Colorado County. As judge, he joined other area officials in opposing disposal of liquid hazardous wastes in a salt dome in Wharton

County. "I opposed that project because I didn't see how you could keep track of liquid wastes 3,000 feet underground," Cranek explained.

In fact excavations for the new facility will be no more than 5' deep in some places. Furthermore, at least 10' of highly impermeable clay will be left undisturbed beneath the site. Cranek said industry has come a long way in reducing the production of hazardous wastes but making the products today's society demands still creates wastes. "Even recycling processes leave residues that require proper management."

Recycling residues will be among the very limited wastes acceptable at the Alair facility, along with sludge from industrial wastewater treatment plants, electroplating waste, soil and debris contaminated with gasoline and similar materials. There will be NO radioactive or nuclear waste, PCBs, dioxins, explosives, medical or

infectious waste and no liquids placed in the new landfill.

Before being accepted at the facility, all wastes will have to be pre-approved. Each load will be sampled, analyzed and treated as necessary, so that no harmful levels of hazardous materials can "leach" out. Moreover, any rainfall into an open landfill section that does come in contact with hazardous wastes will be contained, collected, pumped out and hauled to an off-site facility for treatment. This treatment is required even though the amount of contaminants in that water would be minuscule.

Layers of protection. In addition, the new landfill facility will have several layers of protection built in, including two three-foot layers of compacted clay, interspersed with two synthetic liners as required by the EPA, a leak detection system and monitoring wells. Tricil also has asked for an inspector for the Water

Commission to be stationed on site. Some people have wondered about the effect the expanded operation will have on traffic. Cranek said, "Any effect would be minimal. In fact, when the facility is in full operation traffic on Hwy. 71 will increase by only two to three percent per day."

In summary, Cranek said Tricil will protect the environment and quality of life in the county, while continuing to provide a needed service. "We know how many small landfills have closed in the last few years because they couldn't afford to meet the new requirements just on household garbage. Being able to continue taking the industrial waste means Tricil will be able to keep open the household garbage facility, too."

Cranek says he and Tricil will continue to hold informational meetings around the county. For information or to schedule a meeting, call him at the Colorado County Landfill, 234-5749.

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

During the week of Oct. 3 through 8, the Eagle Lake Police Department:

- Arrested Tonia Washington, for shoplifting at Bill's Dollar Store;
- Investigated criminal mischief where the subject broke out two windows of a mobile home on Allen St.;
- Investigated a burglary of a habitation where a large sum of money was taken;
- Investigated a hit-and-run accident on Stockbridge St.;
- Dispatched an officer to a family disturbance on N. McCarty St. and also one on Gonzales St.;
- Were investigating burglary of a habitation on Schley where items valued at over \$650.00 were taken;
- Dispatched an officer to a report of an assault on Allen St.;
- Worked an accident report where a juvenile male on a bicycle collided with a car on Cemetery and Prairie St. Luckily, the child, Matthew Crysel, a fourth grader at ELMS, sustained only minor injuries.

During the month of Sept., the department answered 204 calls and handled 57 criminal cases with 51 cases cleared. Among the calls were seven assaults, 17 burglaries, 18 thefts, eight disturbances, eight accidents, seven acts of criminal mischief and 139 miscellaneous calls. Seven arrests were made, four for misdemeanor and three for felony offenses. Sixty-seven citations were issued: 12 by Chief Villarreal, seven by Sergeant Earl Jones, 16 by Officer Clem Johnson, 19 by Officer Jim Staude and 13 by Officer Jeff Argo.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Officers Johnson and Staude are no longer working in Eagle Lake. Johnson has taken a position in Columbus while Staude will be working in El Campo. Chief Villarreal is in the process of interviewing replacements.

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Lions Club Carnival a tremendous success

The Eagle Lake Lions Club held their annual parade and carnival this past Saturday.

The parade began at 2 p.m. and was led by the Color Guard from VFW Post #8783 followed by the Boy Scouts and Bonnie Benge, Lions Club Queen, led all of the other entries. Some stirring march music was provided by the "Mighty Raider High School Band".

Several floats were present including the Cub Scouts and ELMS cheerleaders and student council. A very cute group of marchers were the Starlight Twirlers who entertained the crowd of onlookers with their marching and dance routines.

Winners in the parade were: Individual, Our Lady of Guadalupe Queen's entry; Children's, Story Time Library by Neundorff Repair Service of Columbus; Commercial, Starlight Twirlers and their teacher.

The Color Guard, below, was provided by VFW Post 8783 of Eagle Lake. The photo below at right gives you an idea of the great turnout for Saturday's Carnival at the Community Center.

Sheri Sommerlatte; Civic, Lion's Club Queen, Bonnie Benge; Open, Bride's House of Columbus; and Band, Rice High School Band and Director, Floyd Spennath.

After the parade, a large crowd of both young and old went to the Community Center to try their luck on the various games of chance. Lion Joe Frazar stalked through the crowd selling drawing tickets to everyone. Judging by the number of prizes given away, the carnival was a big success with everyone.

The winners of the drawing were: Danny Strauss of Austin, \$500; Dale Divin, East Bernard, \$250; Travis Wegenhoft, Eagle Lake, \$250; Lonnie Landry, Eagle Lake, \$100; John Anderson, Eagle Lake, \$100; Roy Dean Van Nort, Eagle Lake, \$100; Larry Broesche, Eagle Lake, \$100; Allene Canaris, Eagle Lake, \$100.

The Lions would like to thank all

of the patrons for coming out and helping make this year's carnival supporting our parade and carnival another successful endeavor.



The "Story Time Library" float entered by Neundorff Repair Service of Columbus took top honors in the children's category during last Saturday's Lions Club Parade. Headlight Photos by Linda Weddell

